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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON PURSUING SC DEBATE ON SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE

1. EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PERM REP BADAWI, DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION APRIL 11, TOLD US THAT EGYPT DID NOT CONSIDER THE MARCH SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE A CLOSED ISSUE. AFTER WE COUNTERED THAT EGYPT HAS ESSENTIALLY ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSES IN THE MARCH SC DEBATE AND THAT THE DISADVANTAGES IN PURSUING THIS QUESTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD BE APPARENT TO EGYPT, BADAWI RESPONDED THAT EGYPT, NEVERTHELESS, WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO PURSUE THIS ITEM IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA.

2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON, BUT AFTER RECHECKING WITH ISRAELI MISSION HERE WE BELIEVE ISRAELI INFORMATION IS BASED SOLELY ON OUR REPORT TO THEM OF BADAWI REMARKS. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SAME EGYPTIAN VIEWPOINT WAS REPEATED IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRENCH MISSOFF AND THE EGYPTIAN MISSION COUNSELOR. ESSENTIAL POINT IS WHETHER EGYPTIAN MISSION HERE HAS RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS; WE TEND TO BELIEVE IT HAS NOT AND EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS ARE ENGAGED IN A BIT OF PUBLIC POSTURING. WE BELIEVE THE LEAST SAID ON THIS

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